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Ski crash wins silver for teacher-chaperone

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[The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court](#) has ruled that a teacher injured while chaperoning students on a school sponsored ski trip was eligible to receive workers' compensation. The decision is [Karen Sikorski's Case, 455 Mass. 477 \(2009\)](#).

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Governor's budget for FY2011 supports Cities and Towns

Governor Deval Patrick's proposed [FY2011 budget](#) has spared cities and towns a reduction in local aid, news which has heartened local officials.

The Governor's proposed full funding of Chapter 70 at \$4.048 billion ensures that federal stimulus dollars used to backfill the account in FY2010 will be replaced by state General Fund dollars in FY2011. This ensures that every school district will receive Chapter 70 funding that meets or exceeds the level of funding received last year.

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An invitation to [Gov 2.0 Camp New England!](#) This un-conference is being planned with representatives from the Harvard Kennedy School, MIT and O'Reilly Media. We hope to bring together representatives from academia, government and the public to discuss using social media tools and Web 2.0 technologies to create a more effective, efficient and collaborative government.

[Registration](#) is free, but going fast. You can also follow [Gov 2.0 Camp New England](#) on Twitter, and keep track of our activities using the Twitter hashtag [#gov20ne](#). And don't hesitate to propose a session on the [Gov 2.0 Camp New England Wiki](#).

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Editor

Mark Your Calendar

The Municipal Affairs Coordinating Cabinet, chaired by Lt. Governor Tim Murray, will hold its 24th meeting on Friday, March 5th in West Boylston. More information TBD.

Assessment Administration: Law, Procedures and Valuations (Course 101)

The basic assessors training course, *Assessment Administration: Law, Procedures and Valuation (Course 101)*, will be held at our Boston Headquarters this spring, on March 25, April 1 and April 8 and run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please visit our Bulletin [2010-01B](#) for more information on how to register.

New Officials Finance Forum will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd at the Hogan Center at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

Municipal Calendar

February 1: Taxpayer: Deadline for Payment of 3rd Quarterly Tax Bill Without Interest. According to M.G.L. Ch. 59, Sec 57C, this is the deadline for receipt of the 3rd Quarter actual tax payment without interest, unless the actual tax bills were mailed after December 31. If mailed after December 31, the actual tax is due as a single installment on May 1, or 30 days after the bills were mailed, whichever is later.

February 15: Treasurer: 2nd Quarter Reconciliation of Cash.

February 28: Finance Committee: Continue Budget Review and Develop Recommendations. This date will vary depending on dates of town meeting.



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